

Minutes

August 16, 2011

Des Moines, IA

Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened at the Northwest Community Center. Commission Chair, Daniel Ernst, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Roll Call

Members Present

Daniel Ernst, Chair
Betty Grandquist
Judy Bevers
Ken Petersen (Teleconference)
Carole Dunkin
Ralph Wolf
Linda Larkin
Sen. Johnson*

Members Absent

Sen. Dotzler*
Rep. Gaskill*
Rep. Pettengill*

*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

Others Present: Available on hardcopy.

Agenda

Discussion was held to amend the agenda by removing the action item under Administrative Rules, adopted and filed emergency for Chapter 10 – Senior Internship Program. The department will not be filing these rules emergency.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Larkin, and a second by Commissioner Grandquist to approve the agenda as amended. Discussion held. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

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Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Grandquist, and a second by Commissioner Dunkin to approve the minutes of May 5, June 7, and June 23, 2011. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Area Agency on Aging Presentations

Presentations were provided to the commission by:

- Christa Merritt, Director, Generations Area Agency on Aging
- Ingrid Wensel, Director, Southeast Iowa Agency on Aging
- Joel Olah, Director, Aging Resources of Central Iowa

Director's Report

Director Harvey's report to the Commission included updates on the meeting with the Board of the Council of Governments (COG), attendance at the n4a Conference, visits with Congressional offices, white paper on cost

sharing, Program Management teams, involvement with the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), Centenarian Luncheon held October 3, the Betty Grandquist Award, participation in the Mental Health Redesign Regional Workgroup, the upcoming presentation to the association of Central Point of Coordination (CPC), legislative priorities, upcoming meetings, care transitions, and the joint proclamation with Iowa Department of Public Health on Falls Prevention.

Budget Update

Director Harvey provided an update on the budget. The Governor's budget for state fiscal year (SFY) 2012 has now been signed. After the department was initially looking at a \$1 million funding cut, and the advocacy efforts by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to help restore some of the funds the department ended up receiving an appropriation \$318,929 less than SFY 2011. The department will absorb the entire cut through two reductions in force and contractual changes. It was important to keep service money intact at the local level.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Iowa Department on Aging is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long term living and community support services that help individuals maintain health and independence in their homes and communities.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Petersen, and a second by Commissioner Bevers to approve the Mission Statement as presented. Discussion held. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

HF45: Reduction of Area Agencies on Aging

Director Harvey gave an overview of HF45 recommendations. Discussion was held. See the memorandum for additional details.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Larkin, and a second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the map of five area agencies on aging as presented, for the department to proceed with the drafting of a Request for Proposal (RFP) if necessary, and for Director Harvey to proceed with drafting of a plan to present to the Standing Committees and Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Discussion held. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Grant Update

Director Harvey provided an update on a grant application submitted by the department. See the AoA Grant Synopsis for additional details.

Administrative Rules

Notice of Termination: Chapter 5 – Department Fiscal Policy

The period for comments passed without the department receiving any public comments requiring changes to the amendments as they appeared in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 29, 2011. The department finds no further need to proceed with rule making for ARC9576B.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Grandquist, and a second by Commissioner Larkin to approve the termination of the Notice of Intended Action for Chapter 5 Administrative Rules as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Administrative Rules*Notice of Intended Action: Chapter 10 – Senior Internship Program*

Terry Hornbuckle, Senior Internship Program Coordinator, reviewed the amendments to Chapter 10 Administrative Rules. The public comment period ends September 27, 2011. See the administrative rules filing and memo for additional information.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Wolf, and a second by Commissioner Petersen to adopt file the Notice of Intended Action for Chapter 10 as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Announcements from the Commission and/or Department Staff

A recommendation was made to have the next regular meeting October 4 in Des Moines to allow for Commissioner participation at the Centenarian Luncheon being held October 3. The original recommendation of September 21 coincided with a meeting that had been postponed.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Bevers, and a second by Commissioner Dunkin to approve the next regular commission meeting be held September 21 in Des Moines. Discussion held.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Petersen to amend the motion on the floor to approve the next regular commission meeting be held October 4 in Des Moines. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mark Hanson, i4a Executive Director, announced tomorrow is Older Iowan's Day at the State Fair. The Iowa Family Caregiver Program is the day's sponsor. There will be a tent next to the Des Moines Register's location and the Administration Building where caregivers throughout the AAA network will be dispensing information on resources. They will dispense information while greeting the tour buses that come in from throughout the state of Iowa. Older Iowan's Idol will be held for the second year. There are 12 contestants performing from 10:00 to 11:30 at the Budweiser Stag. Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds will participate as judges from Noon to 1:00 when the five finalists compete.

He also commented that every small town with enough children has an elementary school. Could they be access points? Could the county courthouses, the elementary schools be access points? Everyone pays money for elementary schools and at times the schools have empty classrooms. AARP is modeling a program to get seniors in the classrooms to help kids read. Are there any connect points? Things we can think of outside of the box? A classroom for socialization, a computer access point, a meal. We need to figure out how we deliver services.

Senator Johnson, acknowledged the work the commission does is very important. The baby boomer generation is very different, and it's hard to anticipate how they will spend their end years. Keep looking forward never backwards.

Greg Anliker, asked if there is anyway the department can take the RPF process with the consolidation and apply it to the Areas that are in contest as opposed to the rest of the state that is already in agreement and trying to move forward in good faith and spirit of the overall consolidation that you do your darnedest to prevent the time, energy and expense of everybody having to go through an RFP process when everyone else is playing the game to try and move forward. It's not entirely in Donna's hands, but perhaps working with AoA, the AG's Office, and this commission making a point. It seems unreasonable that 12 of the 13 agencies are

trying to move the spirit of HF45 forward in good faith and with lots of work to make it more work for both the department staff and all the AAAs seems unconscionable.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Larkin moved, Commissioner Dunkin seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM.

Chair

Date

Recording Secretary

Date